

PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

CIA/RR-HTA

25X1A INSTALLATION: Malapanew Steel Plant
LOCATION: Ozimek (Malapane), Poland
B.E. NUMBER: [REDACTED]
WAC NO: 232

BRIEF NO.: B-68-56
DATE: 30 November 1956
LAT.: 50° 41' N
LONG.: 18° 13' E

25X1D

PHOTO DATA:

REFERENCES:

Target Mosaic: None
Map: TC 0232-9952-100A, 2nd Edition.
Other: None

ENCLOSURES: None

ORR REQUIREMENT NO: RR/HTA/E/R64-56: Determine the number of open hearth furnaces, size of rolling mill buildings, and any indications of expansion at the Malapanew Steel Plant, Ozimek (Malapane), Poland.

REMARKS:

The Malapanew Steel Plant is located 12 miles east of Oppeln. The plant underwent a partial dismantling in 1945 and resumed limited operation in 1946. In 1950 work was begun on reconstruction of plant installations, and in 1954 there were reports of continued plant expansion. The plant reportedly produces high quality steel castings and machined parts.

The Malapanew Steel Plant is covered by only one oblique exposure on [REDACTED] photography. The obliquity of the print and the lack of stereo coverage precludes any detailed analysis of the plant. However, it is evident that the overall area of the plant has been expanded since 1944. New buildings have been added, others have been rebuilt. Rail-served open storage facilities have been increased. An area of the plant containing several large mill or foundry type buildings appears to have been recently constructed and rebuilt. A large, new housing area has been built near the plant.

There is no indication on the photography of a series of open hearth furnaces. Several tall stacks are evident but not in the arrangement common to open hearth furnaces. If this plant produces or uses raw steel in any sizeable amount, the indications are that the steel is processed by electric furnaces. The plant does not have the characteristics of a typical large steel plant other than the mill and foundry type buildings.

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